

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A hollow drinking straw cutting spiral cut craft tool comprising:

a housing for a hollow drinking straw having a cutting guide, the housing being sized and shaped for being handheld; and

a cutting edge coupled to the housing, the cutting edge being one piece projecting into the cutting guide and being adapted to ~~[[cut a]]~~ solely spiral cut ~~[[in]]~~ the hollow drinking straw;

wherein, the cutting guide is disposed to substantially surround the hollow straw inserted into the tool for supporting the straw to constrain the straw from lateral movement at the cutting edge, the cutting guide and cutting edge being arranged for allowing a user to select revolving either the cutting edge or the straw about a centerline of the straw to cut the spiral cut in the hollow straw.

2. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 1 wherein the cutting guide is further adapted to allow angle between the centerline and the cutting edge to vary while allowing either the cutting edge or the straw to be rotated about the centerline.

3. (Cancelled)

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5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 1 further comprising a trimming edge coupled to the housing, wherein the trimming edge is adapted to cut a notch in straw.

8. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 1 further comprising a trimming edge coupled to the housing, wherein the trimming edge is adapted to cut the straw axially.

9. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 1 further comprising a rounding mandrel coupled to the housing, wherein the rounding mandrel is adapted to form an end which is rounded over on the hollow straw.

10. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 1 further comprising a tapered portion coupled to the housing, wherein the tapered portion is adapted to flare an end of the hollow straw.

11. (Currently Amended) A straw cutting spiral cut craft tool comprising:

a housing having a cutting guide; and

a cutting edge coupled to the housing, the cutting edge projecting into the cutting guide and being adapted to cut a spiral cut in the straw;

wherein, the cutting guide is adapted to constrain a hollow straw having a centerline from lateral movement at the cutting edge while allowing a user to select revolving, either the cutting edge or the straw about the centerline to cut the spiral cut in the straw, and the cutting guide has contact surfaces that channel the straw in a direction to the cutting edge, and

wherein the cutting guide further comprises a secondary component slideably coupled to the housing, wherein the secondary component is movable relative to the contact surfaces that channel the straw [[adapted]] to further guide the hollow straw to the cutting edge in a different direction, ~~affecting an angle between the cutting edge and the centerline,~~ than the direction the straw is channeled by the cutting guide and wherein the angle between the cutting edge and the centerline is changeable when the secondary component is slid relative to the housing.

12. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 1 wherein the cutting guide is open or may be opened to accept the hollow straw laterally into the cutting guide.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 1 wherein the hollow straw is a drinking straw with a diameter less than 12mm.

15. (Previously Presented) A straw cutting spiral cut craft tool comprising:

a cutting guide adapted to constrain a hollow straw having a centerline from substantial lateral movement;

a cutting edge projecting into the cutting guide, the cutting guide guiding the hollow straw during insertion to the cutting edge; and

a secondary component moveable relative to the cutting guide, the secondary component being adapted to further guide the hollow straw during straw insertion to the cutting edge;

wherein an angle between the straw and the cutting guide is changeable when the secondary component is moved relative to the cutting guide, wherein the cutting edge is adapted to cut a spiral cut in the hollow straw.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 15 further comprising a trimming edge adapted to cut a notch in the straw.

18. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 15 further comprising a trimming edge adapted to cut the straw axially.

19. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 15 further comprising a rounding mandrel adapted to form an end which is rounded over on the hollow straw.

20. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 15 further comprising a tapered portion adapted to flare an end of the hollow straw.

21. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 15 further comprising a stop, the stop being adapted to allow repeatable positioning of the secondary component relative to the cutting guide.

22. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 15 wherein the cutting guide is open or may be opened to accept the hollow straw laterally into the cutting guide.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 15 wherein the cutting guide has a straw support surface shaped to complement an exterior circumference of a drinking straw with a diameter less than 12mm.

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39. (Currently Amended) A hollow drinking straw cutting spiral cut craft tool comprising:

a housing for a hollow drinking straw having a cutting guide, the housing being sized and shaped to be handheld; and

a cutting edge coupled to the housing, the cutting edge projecting into the cutting guide and being adapted to cut a spiral cut in the hollow straw;

wherein, the cutting guide has a straw contact surface disposed to substantially surround the hollow straw inserted into the tool for supporting the straw to constrain the straw from lateral movement at the cutting edge, the cutting guide and cutting edge being arranged for allowing a user to select revolving either the cutting edge or the straw about

a centerline of the straw to cut the spiral cut, and wherein the cutting guide is open or may be opened to accept the hollow straw laterally into the cutting guide.

40. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 39 wherein the cutting guide further comprises a secondary component slideably coupled to the housing, wherein the secondary component is adapted to further guide the hollow straw and wherein an angle between the cutting edge and the centerline is changeable when the secondary component is slid relative to the housing.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 39 further comprising a trimming edge coupled to the housing, wherein the trimming edge is adapted to cut a notch in straw.

43. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 39 further comprising a trimming edge coupled to the housing, wherein the trimming edge is adapted to cut the straw axially.

44. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 39 further comprising a rounding mandrel coupled to the housing, wherein the rounding mandrel is adapted to form an end which is rounded over on the hollow straw.

45. (Original) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 39 further comprising a tapered portion coupled to the

housing, wherein the tapered portion is adapted to flare an end of the hollow straw.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Previously Presented) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool of claim 39 wherein the surface of the cutting guide complements a 12mm or less diameter hollow straw.

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58. (Previously Presented) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool according to claim 1, wherein the housing is a molding at least in part.

59. (Previously Presented) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool according to claim 1, wherein the housing is of unitary construction.

60. (Previously Presented) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool according to claim 39, wherein the housing is of unitary construction.

61. (Previously Presented) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool according to claim 39, wherein the housing is a molding.

62. (Previously Presented) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool according to claim 1, wherein the cutting edge is located in the housing for spiral cutting through a wall of the straw.

63. (Previously Presented) The straw cutting spiral cut craft tool according to claim 39, wherein the cutting edge is located in the housing for spiral cutting through a wall of the straw.